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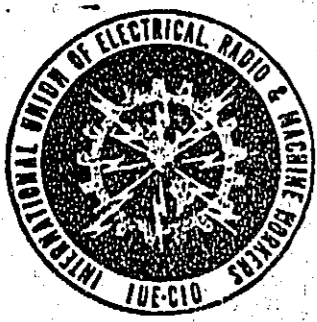
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# SCHENECTADY GE WORKERS DEPRIVED OF RIGHT TO VOTE BY UE LOCAL 301

Some 200 UE members attended a meeting last Monday at UE Local 301 headquarters. It was generally believed that those present would have the opportunity to vote on whether or not they wanted the nine-cent an hour increase won for GE workers by the largest union in the GE chain, the IUE-CIO.

But that right was denied the membership. Almost every other UE-GE local has had the right to vote on the question, but not the local in Schenectady.

The business agent of the UE in Schenectady said that this local should wait until after the UE-GE Conference Board meets next Sunday, and see what the board recommends before voting.

The business agent also reported that UE in Erie held a plant gate meeting at which 8,000 workers voted to reject the nine-cent offer.

**THIS STATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS AGENT IS AN OUTRIGHT LIE! THE UE HAS NEVER HAD A VOTE AT A PLANT GATE MEETING IN ERIE ON THE NINE-CENTS. THE UE IN ERIE HAS NEVER HAD A PLANT GATE MEETING WITH MORE THAN 1,000 PEOPLE PRESENT.**

THE UE-LOCAL IN ERIE DID VOTE ON THE NINE-CENTS AT A MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON SUNDAY, MAY 6. THERE WERE LESS THAN 250 MEMBERS PRESENT. THE MAJORITY VOTED TO REJECT THE NINE-CENT PROPOSAL.

At least the people in Erie did have a chance to vote, even though less than two per cent of the GE workers attended the meeting. The reason for this may be that so few of the Erie GE workers belong to UE.

Workers in the smaller GE plants under UE have been voting on this issue, too. Many of them have voted to accept the nine cents.

The UE Business Agent charged that IUE-CIO lied when it quoted figures regarding expenditures for lost time and salaries by UE Local 301.

FOLLOWING ARE FIGURES TAKEN FROM UE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH PROVE IUE-CIO'S STATEMENT THAT UE SPENT OVER \$25,000 ON SALARIES AND LOST TIME IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1951: LOST TIME FOR JANUARY WAS \$6,436.89; FOR FEBRUARY, \$4,398.99; FOR MARCH, \$5,179.20. SALARIES FOR JANUARY AMOUNTED TO \$3,258.07; FOR FEBRUARY, \$3,179.23; FOR MARCH, \$3,797.35. THESE ACTUAL FIGURES AMOUNT TO \$26,249.73. IN CASE THE UE BUSINESS AGENT DOESN'T KNOW IT, \$26,000 IS QUITE A BIT MORE THAN \$25,000. IUE-CIO DID NOT LIE!

The new financial statement for the month of April shows that lost time expenditures and salaries are as high as ever.

Whatever IUE-CIO has to say is printed in IUE-CIO News, or recorded in IUE-CIO radio and television shows. UE on the other hand has used the Communist trick of a rumor campaign to ruin the reputations of IUE-CIO leaders.

We of IUE-CIO are proud of that fact. It gives UE and its leaders the chance to sue this organization if we lie.

But the rumor campaign is an un-American method of spreading false propaganda. IUE-CIO again challenges any UE leader to a debate on television regarding these issues which are so important to GE workers. Let UE come out in the open, or forever hold its peace.

# UE'S - RECORD



# IN-GE. SINCE 1948



# CONTRACT-GAINS



# POLITICAL - ACTIVITY

1. Campaigned for Wallace for president.
2. Campaigned against the Marshall Plan.
3. Campaigned against the U.S. plan for control of Atomic Energy.
4. Campaigned for defense of 11 Communists convicted in the New York court.

THIS IS THE EXACT COMMUNIST PARTY LINE.

Workers in the electrical industry are proving by NLRB votes that they want to stay with the CIO

# VOTE FOR IUE-CIO

# U.S. CONGRESSMAN SAYS UE LIES!



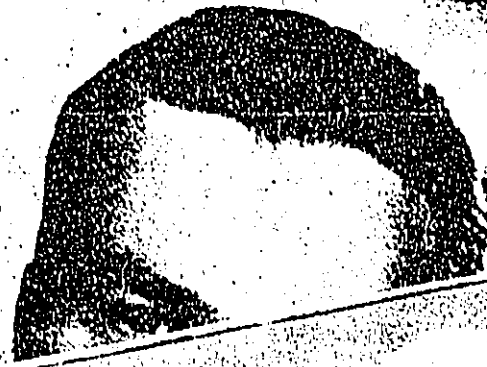
## CIO SOLD OUT FIGHT FOR FEPC, T-H REPEAL, REP. POWELL REVEALS

By BETTY GOLDSTEIN

NEW YORK—The CIO has made a behind the scenes deal in Washington to stop any Taft-Hartley repeal bill from coming up in Congress this session, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Democrat of New York, told the UE NEWS in an exclusive interview April 7.

The labor leaders who made this deal on Taft-Hartley are repeating the same tactics they used when under instructions from the Truman Administration they told Congressmen to stop fighting for a real FEPC bill, said Powell, who wrote the original FEPC bill and led the fight for it in Congress.

Sitting in his office in the big Baptist church in Harlem, of which he is minister, Congressman Powell seemed deeply concerned about the CIO's appeasement on FEPC and about the failure of his own Democratic Party leadership to fight the FEPC bill. He predicted



holds for the whole of the Administration's domestic program, Powell said. "We could have gotten the program only by putting up a real fight for it," he explained. "We got a state FEPC in New York only because the people put up real pressure, not because Dewey wanted to give it to us."

think the CIO has definitely weakened labor's fight by its appeasement tactics on FEPC and Taft-Hartley repeal. They are doing just what they do. You can't compare the way they are without losing all line."

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REP. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL

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that if the toothless FEPC bill which the Democrats and CIO finally supported passes both Houses in its present form, "it will take 10 years to get the people mobilized again to fight for real FEPC

...don't think that's the way to do it. You've got to

way," he said. "That's the only way to do it and get it done anywhere."

ng Hurt Fight  
...splitting maneuvers have also harmed labor's fight in Congress, Powell said. "Labor just doesn't stand together now the way it used to. Every bit of energy used in red-baiting instead of fighting for the full program hurts it."

As an example of this, Powell pointed to the Emergency Civil Rights Mobiliza-

**UE News—Just Two Days Before the Westinghouse Election—Printed this "Exclusive Interview" With Congressman Adam Clayton Powell.**

*It was a Desperate and Despicable Last Minute Fake Designed to Swing Westinghouse Votes to the Tottering UE.*

**Congressman Powell Himself Has Denounced This Rotten UE Trickery As a Pack of Lies, Distortions and Untruths. Here is Congressman Powell's Own Description of This UE "Interview."**

**"This is a sorry spectacle -- all in all, 14 lies, half-truths and distortions in a one-page newspaper article! And for the purpose of beclouding the issues in a fight for trade union democracy!"**

# CONGRESSMAN SAYS UE LIES!

## Congressman Powell Charges:

"The UE News falsified my remarks in order to attack the CIO..."

## Congressman Powell Says:

"I was shocked when a recent article in the newspaper of the United Electrical Workers Union, purporting to be an interview with me, maligned the leadership of the national CIO."

## Congressman Powell Hits UE's Trickery:

"Instead of presenting these facts accurately, the UE reporter twisted my remarks into an attack on President Truman and the CIO..."

## Congressman Powell Found:

"The same distortion is repeated throughout the article, ending with another false quote--attributed to me--that 'the CIO has definitely weakened labor's whole fight by its appeasement tactics.'"

## Congressman Powell Asserts:

"In addition to the specific distortions listed above, the article is full of half-truths, and constantly quotes me out of context."

## Congressman Powell Concludes:

"My position, then, is clear: I insist on the rights of the UE, the Communist Party itself, and all other groups to hold and express their opinions, no matter how repugnant, for this is the American way.

"But so long as falsehood remains their artillery, and so long as their tactics constitute an attack on democratic trade union leadership, I must refuse to have anything further to do with them."

Here, in His Own Words, You Have the Bitter Experience of a United States Congressman with the Lies, the Forgeries, the Fictions of the Communist-Controlled UE. Perverting the Truth, Falsifying the Opinions and Statements of a Member of the U. S. Congress—Nothing is Too Low or Too Unethical for UE to Use in its Attempts to Deceive and Delude the Workers in Our Industry.

Congressman Powell refuses "to have anything to do with them." Hundreds of Thousands of Electrical Workers Are Also Refusing to Be Suckers for Further Communist Lies.

## Vote IUE-CIO!

International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO

734 15th Street, N. W.

Washington 5, D. C.

# Every Time You Look At Your Paycheck...

## You Know Why UE Is Washed Up!

PAY TO *C.I.O. Oil Workers* - \$1.84 an hour

PAY TO *Rubber Workers* - \$1.73 an hour

PAY TO *Auto Workers* - \$1.67 an hour

PAY TO *Electrical Workers* - \$1.41 an hour

*Because U.S. Department of Labor figures show:*

**Millions of workers got a fourth round wage increase last year!**

**But UE didn't win a fourth round!**

**The Wage Levels in the Electrical Industry—thanks to UE—are below those of all other major industries!**

**CIO Oil Workers Get 43c-an-hour More Than Electrical Workers!**

**CIO Rubber Workers Get 32c-an-hour More Than Electrical Workers!**

**CIO Auto Workers Get 26c-an-hour More Than Electrical Workers!**

**CIO Steel Workers Get 20c-an-hour More Than Electrical Workers!**

## FOR A 40-HOUR WEEK:

**Oil Workers Get \$17.20 More A Week Than You Do!**

**Rubber Workers Get \$12.80 More A Week Than You Do!**

**Auto Workers Get \$10.40 More A Week Than You Do!**

**Steel Workers Get \$8 More A Week Than You Do!**

These are NOT UE figures; they are U.S. Government figures!

These Are The Reasons—In Dollars And Cents—

In Your Take-Home Pay—Why UE Is Winded Up!

How About Wage Levels Today?  
What Has UE Done To Your Paycheck  
In Comparison With What Other  
Unions Have Done For Their Members?

Here Are The U.S. Labor Department Figures On Straight Time  
Hourly Rates:

**CIO Oil Workers Now Get—\$1.84 An Hour**

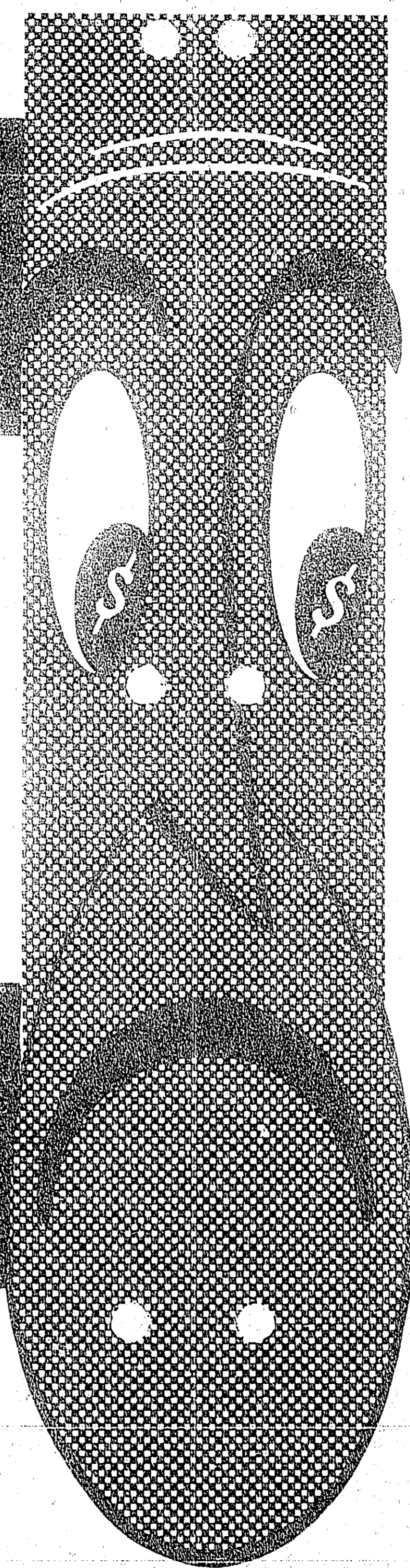
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There Is The Final Proof That UE  
Hasn't Done—And Can't Do—A Job  
For The Workers In Our Industry!



How About Pay Raises Since The War? How Does  
UE's 'Success' In Getting Post-War Pay Increases  
Compare With Other Unions?

Here Are The U.S. Department Of Labor Figures On Per-Hour  
Wage Raises, 1946-1949:

CIO Oil Workers' Pay Increased 54% An Hour

CIO Rubber Workers' Pay Increased 51% An Hour

CIO Steelworkers' Pay Increased 47% An Hour

CIO Packinghouse Workers' Pay Increased 48% An Hour

ELECTRICAL WORKERS' PAY INCREASED—40% An Hour

How About The Contracts UE Did Sign  
Last Year? What Do They Show?  
According To U.S. Department Of Labor  
Figures, UE's 1949 Contracts Are An  
Appalling Picture Of Futility And Failure.

- Half of UE's Reported Contracts—77 Of Them  
Did Not Obtain A Single Penny In Pay Increase!
- 17 UE Contracts Got Only 1c To 3c Pay Increases!
- 36 UE Contracts Got Only 3%c To 5c Pay Increases!

There Is The Picture—Drawn Not By UE-CIO But  
From U.S. Department Of Labor Files—Of What  
Happened To The Fantastic "\$500 Package" For  
Which UE Started Negotiations In May 1949!

The Fact Is—As The Department Of Labor Figures Show—UE Has Dragged The Wage Levels Of The Electrical Industry Down To The Bottom Of The Pile Of Major Industry!

The Wage Scales In The Electrical Industry Should Be Up Where They Are For The CIO Oil Workers And For The CIO Rubber Workers.

There's No Reason They Shouldn't Be—EXCEPT THAT COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP CAN'T TAKE THE TIME FROM SUCH THINGS AS THE HENRY WALLACE THIRD PARTY AND VARIOUS COMMUNIST FRONTS TO DO A REAL NEGOTIATING JOB!

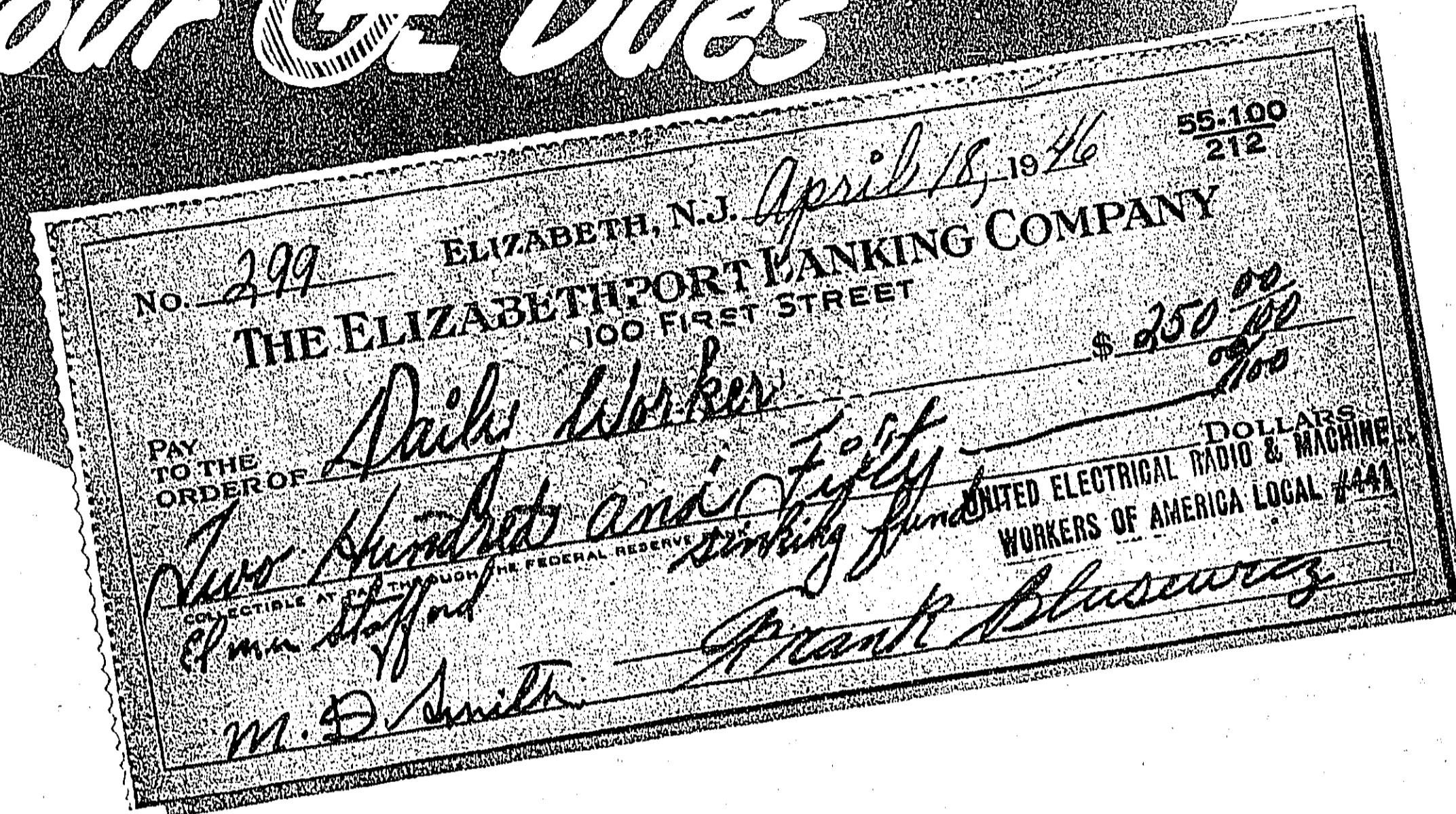
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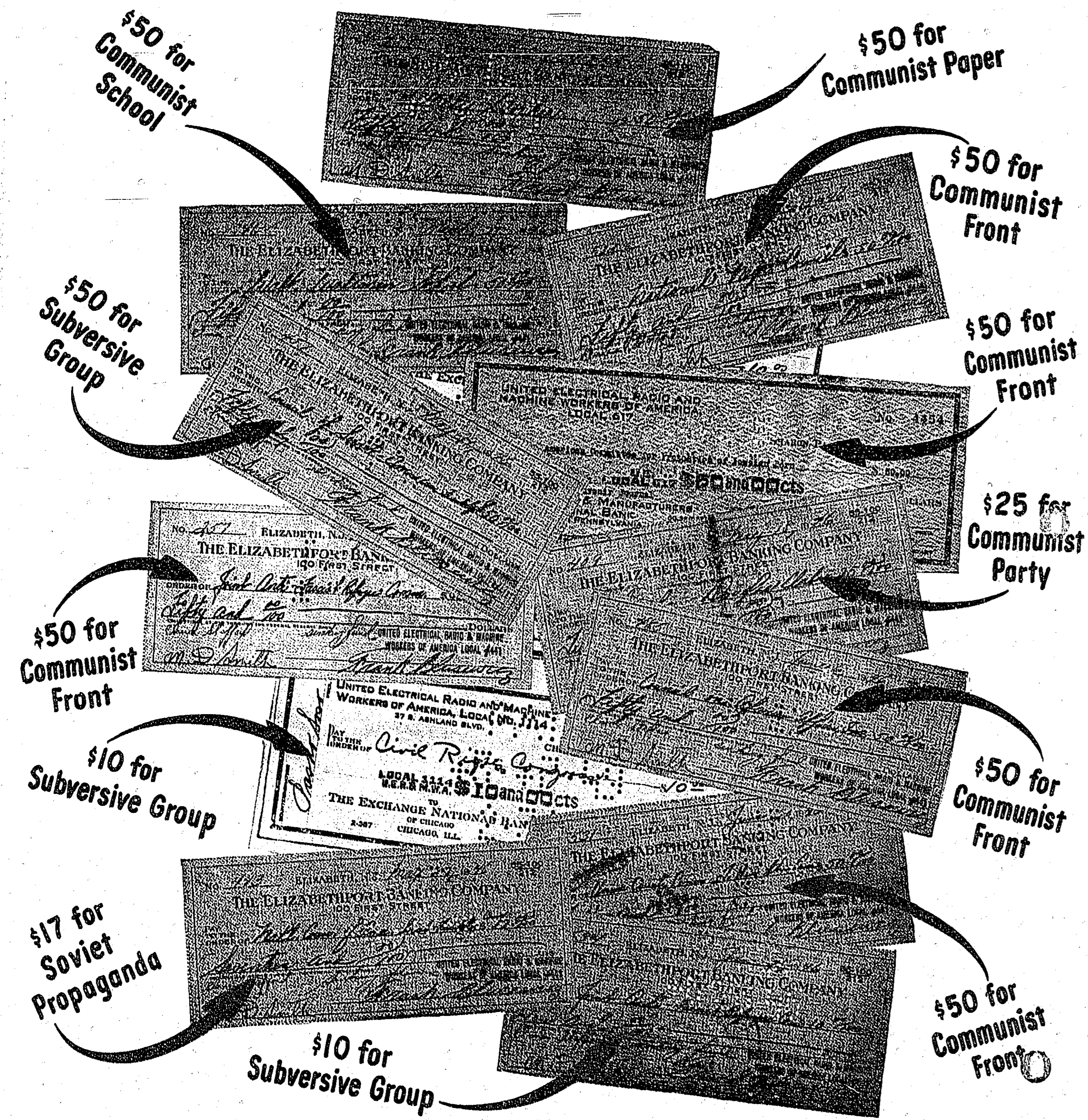
**The Communist Party  
Thanks You For  
Your ~~UE~~ Dues**



More Than \$750,000 in Dues—Paid By You, the Present or Former Members of UE—Have Been Squandered By UE Leaders on the Communist Party and on a Score of Communist Fronts During the Past 10 Years!

**In Almost Every Case, Your Money Has Been Thrown Down the Drain to Organizations Which the U.S. Attorney General Has Declared Subversive—Outfits That Would Destroy American Democracy and Free Trade Unionism.**

# Here's Where Your Dues Went... .. Down the Communist Drain



**During the Three Months In Which These Checks Were Issued, UE Had No Less Than 20 Strikes in Progress Around The Country!**

More than 125,000 UE Members---Including 75,000 Westinghouse Workers---Were On Strike At One Time or Another During the Brief Period These Checks Were Turned Over to the Communist Party and Its Fronts.

**UE Men and Women Went Hungry; They Needed Money For Food, Clothes, Doctors' Bills, and for Their Children. 125,000 Strikers Needed The Money--THEIR OWN MONEY!--But UE With Cold Contempt, Turned It Over To The Communist Party!**

One of These 20 Strikes Was At Phelps Dodge, Elizabeth, N. J. For Eight Long Months, From Jan. 4 to Sept. 9, 1946, nearly 2000 UE Members Walked the Streets. They Could Have Used the \$250 Checks That Went to the Communist Daily Worker From Their Own UE Local's Strike Fund!

One Man Was Murdered During the Phelps Dodge Strike. Mario Russo, a 27-Year-Old War Veteran With a Wife and Four Children, Was Shot Down on the Picket Line, and Died a Short Time Later.

**Russo Might Be Alive Today If UE Had Spent Its Money To Protect Its Picket Lines--Instead of Helping To Finance The Communist Party.**

**Without Your Knowledge...**



**Dozens of  
COMMUNIST  
FRONTS  
Couldn't Live  
Without Money  
from UE!**

**MINUTES**

District Executive Board  
UE District #4  
Monday March 26, 1945  
17 William St., Newark, N. J.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

From The Worker asking Brother McLeish and Sister Young to sponsor their \$100,000 campaign. There was discussion by various members of the Board speaking of the value of the newspaper to the labor movement and the people of this country. **MOTION** that Brother McLeish and Sister Young be authorized to become sponsors. **CARRIED.**

**UE Sponsors  
\$100,000 Drive  
for Communist  
Daily Worker**

**MINUTES**

District Council Meeting  
Monday, Feb. 26, 1945  
Hotel Essex House, Newark, N. J.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

From Ben Gold and Louis Weinstock regarding testimonial dinner to celebrate William Z. Foster's 50th Anniversary in the labor movement. **MOTION** to purchase tickets when these are available. **CARRIED.**

**Testimonial  
Dinner for  
No. 1 Communist  
in U.S.**

**MINUTES**

District Executive Board  
UE District #4  
Monday, June 24, 1946  
17 William St., Newark, N. J.

**REPORT ON NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS**

In order to meet the required budget of the National Negro Congress, Brother Thompson recommended that the District make a donation of \$200 to the work of the Congress. **MOTION** to accept the report of Brother Thompson. **CARRIED.**

**\$200 UE  
Gift for  
Communist front**

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Thursday, July 26, 1945  
Hotel Essex House, Newark, N. J.

UE District President McLeish said he had read The Worker for a few years, since 1941--during which time The Worker had given such excellent coverage to the activities of UE. Personally he found much in the paper that had been of help to him on behalf of the work of this District and he found no objection to being a sponsor.

Brother Bib Pagnotta, of Local 1225, said that his local union had supported the Daily Worker's financial campaigns for many years.

**UE Funds for  
Communist Newspaper**

**UNLESS You Want Your Dues  
To Go to The Communist Party...  
VOTE IUE-CIO**

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IUE-CIO SAYS:  
STOP-LOOK-THINK



STOP...LOOK...THINK BEFORE YOU VOTE ON MAY 25!

CAN YOU AFFORD ANOTHER STAB IN THE BACK BY THE UE?

Can you afford to be cut off from the rest of organized labor, or do you want the security of the support of six million CIO members?

Do you want to stand alone, with the backing of no group but the communists, or do you want to march ahead under the banner of CIO?

YOU HAVE A VOTE--MAKE YOUR CHOICE WISELY

IN IUE-CIO	HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL GET	IN UE-CP
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Affiliation with CIO and a chance for real cooperation with all of organized labor in America

Membership in an organization which stands alone--cut off from the rest of organized labor.

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An organization run in democratic fashion, for the members and by the members...IUE-CIO wants to give the union back to the American-minded people.

Dictators: Matles, Emspak, Jandreau, Pasche, Radosevich, Mastrianni, Friedlander, Ellis, Fernandez, Iovancelli, Brashear, Northrup, Quirini, Belgrave, the DeCesares, all of whom have Commie records.

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A DECENT CONTRACT WITHOUT STRINGS GIVING YOU: Wages equal to those of Auto and Steel. Real seniority. Solid grievance procedure. Improved vacation plan. Real sick benefits plan covering hospitalization, surgical and doctor's fees, weekly payments and pensions paid for by the company.

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A UNION OF WHICH YOU CAN BE PROUD!  
A strong, democratic union which stands in the front ranks of the American labor movement.

An organization led by communists!  
An outcast organization, scorned by other unions, by the government and by its own members.

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A UNION WHICH WILL BE A CREDIT TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

A UNION WITH LEADERS WHO HAVE ALREADY DISGRACED THE CITY OF SCHENECTADY.

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YOU HAVE A VOTE -- CAST IT WISELY

THAT VOTE WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF UNIONISM IN SCHENECTADY!